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SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™

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VS. MECHA SONIC™

SONIC CD ADAPTATION!

"GO AHEAD... MECHA MY DAY!"

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PART 1

WILL YOU PLEASE HOLD STILL? THIS IS A VERY DELICATE PROCEDURE!

TWO WORDS, ROTOR... BORE-RING!

IT'S STARTING TO COME IN...

AHHH...

OHH... WHEN DID WE GET ZE SCI-FI CHANNEL?

RANGE: 4725
HEIGHT: 1564
WIDTH: 7425

1841
6271
3884
5643

HUSH, ANTOINE... BACK OFF THE LENS A BIT, ROTOR!

LENS?.. HOLY FRIJOLES, IT'S A CAMERA?

YES INDEED... THE FIBER OPTIC SONICAM IS NOW MOUNTED IN YOUR SNEAKER!

PRETTY RADICOOL, BIG GUY! HOW'S THE RECEPTION?

SIZE: 14552691
DISTANCE: 2147
D.O.F.(A): 67853

MOTION SCAN: INITIATED

GREAT!

LET'S SEE HOW IT LOOKS WHEN I ACCELERATE!

OOOOLP! OOH! IT IS GIVING ME ZE MOTION SICKNESS!

HANG ON... THERE'S A BUILT IN SLOW MOTION COMPENSATOR SO THE IMAGE STAYS CLEAR!

SLOWMOTION ACTIVATED.

SO THE SONICAM *FOCUSES* WHEREVER MY TOE *POINTS*?

YES, BUT...

KRAK

YOU STILL NEED TO WATCH WHERE YOU'RE GOING!

NICE WORK, ROTOR... THE SONICAM IS GOING TO COME IN VERY HANDY!

WHY, PRINCESS SALLY?

BECAUSE ALL US FREEDOM FIGHTERS HERE IN THE SECRET VILLAGE OF *KNOTHOLE* ARE IN GRAVE DANGER!

HUH?

A NEW ZONE PORTAL*HAS BEEN DISCOVERED RECENTLY... IT COULD BE HIGHLY DISRUPTIVE AND MUST BE EXPLORED! IT'S CALLED...

ZONE DETECTED
416765 METERS
FROM OUTER
FOREST AREA
215001° WEST

SEARCHING

*SALLY MEANS THE SAME TYPE OF ACTION ZONES FOUND IN ALL SONIC VIDEO GAMES ... Editor

THE *COLLISION CHAOS ZONE!* PERHAPS MY MOST BRILLIANT *CREATION* TO DATE!

I, THE GREAT AND POWERFUL ROB-OZ-NIK, HAVE SPOKEN! ERRR... PAY NO ATTENTION TO THAT MAN BEHIND THE CURTAIN!

=CHORTLE-SNICKER-CACKLE= YES, MY PET PIRANHA-BOT... I *ALLOWED* THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS TO DISCOVER THE PORTAL!

REALLY, OH OVAL ONE?

INDEED! SONIC'S EGO WON'T ALLOW HIM TO RESIST TESTING HIS SKILL IN THE "ZONE"...

BAG O JUNK

... BUT JUST IN CASE, I'LL ENCOURAGE HIM BY MAKING USE OF THESE STOLEN *SONIC-GRAM FAN LETTERS!*

TO: Archie COMICS

U.S. POST

WHOA! TAMPERING WITH THE MAIL IS A FEDERAL OFFENSE!

HA! THAT'S WHAT MAKES ME A SUPER-VILLAIN ON THE CUTTING EDGE!

RIIIPP

"DEAR SONIC--YOU'RE MY HERO! I LOVE IT WHEN YOU KICK ROBO-BUTT! ENCLOSED IS MY PHOTO. XXXOO-AMY ROSE..." BAH!

AWW... A CUTE LITTLE GIRLIE HEDGEHOG!

love Amy

OH, I WOULD AND WILL! HERE... BRING ME THE CHILD WHO LIVES AT THIS ADDRESS!

AFFIRMATIVE

BZZZT... CLANK!

WE'LL SEE HOW CUTE SHE IS WHEN SHE MEETS... HIM!

GASP! Y-YOU WOULDN'T...

GREETINGS! THIS IS YOUR LORD AND MASTER IVO ROBOTNIK!

HA! HA! NOW TO BROADCAST A MESSAGE TO THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS...

GOOD THING WE'VE GOT A WIDE SCREEN TV!

MOST AMUSING, SONIC! ALMOST AS FUNNY AS THE THOUGHT OF YOU CHICKENING OUT FROM RUNNING ON THE COLLISION CHAOS ZONE!

WHO YOU CALLING CHICKEN, FLABIO? I'M THERE!!!

NO, SONIC! IT'S A TRAP FOR SURE!

WHY, PRINCESS SALLY... ISN'T THIS A FACE YOU CAN TRUST? HAVE I EVER LIED TO YOU?

NO AND YES, DISRESPEC-TIVELY!

SURELY YOU DON'T THINK-- OH, WAIT... I'VE JUST BEEN HANDED A BULLETIN!

WHAT THE ?!..

THAT'S NO BULLETIN!

YOU'RE RIGHT! IT'S LITTLE AMY ROSE, THE HEDGEHOG--SONIC'S BIGGEST FAN... AND MY SMALLEST HOSTAGE! SAY SOMETHING BEFORE WE SIGN OFF, CHILD!

HELP!

WHY, YOU :snort: OILY SONOFA :woof:

HEH! HEH! *OUCH*-- SONIC WILL HAVE TO--*OOCH*--ENTER THE ZONE NOW-- *OW!* YOUR LITTLE SPINES HURT!

NOK! NOK!

YOU'LL GET HURT WORSE WHEN SONIC GETS YOU!

AH, YES... I'VE BEEN EXPECTING ME--ER--YOU! WON'T I... UM... YOU COME IN?

I... I'M TRYING! WHOOP... I'M A BIT UNSTEADY...

OOOF! IT'S HARD TO KEEP MY BALANCE IN THIS *COSTUME*, MASTER!

YOU'RE WEARING IT FOR A REASON, SNIVELY!

POP!

SPLONK!

MMF

UMP

OOG

IS THIS RIGHT?

SONIC WILL BE *FORCED* TO PROCEED TO THE *SECOND ZONE*, WHERE THE ***REAL*** CHALLENGE AWAITS--BUT IF HE LOOKS BACK, HE'LL THINK I'M FOLLOWING HIM--

WHEN ACTUALLY, I'LL BE WAITING TO SPRING MY *FINAL* DEADLY TRAP!

YOUR JOB IS TO FLY BEHIND SONIC IN MY *ROBO-POD* AND BURN UP THE TRAIL BEHIND HIM!

Y-Y-YESSIR!

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™

IS OUT OF ORDER!

"GO AHEAD... MECHA MY DAY!"

PART 2

YES... LET'S HOLD A PROPER MEETING HERE!

SALLY

ANTOINE

IS A NERD!

THERE'S NO TIME FOR THIS RED TAPE! AMY ROSE IS ONE OF MY BEST PEN-PALS! SHE NEEDS HELP *FAST!*

SONIC! WE INTEND TO RESCUE HER... WE'RE JUST NOT SURE THAT RUSHING INTO UNKNOWN DANGER IS THE WAY TO START!

C'MON, SALLY... DANGER IS MY MIDDLE NAME!

SONIC...

BESIDES, WE HAVE OUR VERY OWN TRAINED SPY WHO WILL SCOPE OUT THE SITUATION FROM THE AIR... RIGHT, **TAILS**?!

M-M-ME?

CHAOTIX

YES! FLY ON AHEAD AND GET US AN *AERIAL OVERVIEW* OF THIS COLLISION CHAOS ZONE!

STOP! NO! THERE MUST BE A MOTION-- AND A SECOND... THEN A COMMITTEE...

:SIGH: ROYALTY AIN'T WHAT IT USED TO BE... I WONDER IF PRINCESS LEIA HAS DAYS LIKE THIS.

AT LAST! I FINALLY GET A CHANCE TO SHOW MY STUFF!

ACCORDING TO SALLY, THE ZONE IS WEST OF ROBOTNIK'S NEW FACTORY!

I'LL SWOOP DOWN LOW TO AVOID BEING SEEN...

LOW SWOOP MANEUVER JUST AS YOU PREDICTED... WE HAVE THE TWO-TAILED FOX!

BRING HIM IN, SWATBOT!

SOON...

I COULDN'T WAIT FOR TAILS ANY LONGER! NOW ROTOR'S MAP SAYS THE PORTAL IS RIGHT HERE...OH, YEAH!

-LISION -HAOS -ONE

KBOOOMM!oo

URK!

AHA! THERE YOU ARE!

LISTEN UP, BLUBBER BOLTS! I'M GONNA TEAR THROUGH YOUR NEW ZONE, FREE AMY ROSE AND THEN PUNCH YOUR LIGHTS OUT!

I HAVE ONE OTHER ITEM FOR YOUR AGENDA, PORK BOY...

PERHAPS NOW YOU WILL SEE THAT I BEAN MUSINESS... ERR... MEAN BUSINESS!

ZOOM OUT, CAMERA TWO--

HOLD STILL!

PERHAPS YOU WILL SEE THAT I MEAN BUSINESS

CAMERA ONE GET ME A TWO SHOT OF THE HOSTAGES ...STANDBY...

DING!

AS YOU CAN SEE, I'VE ALSO GOT YOUR BELOVED FRIEND, TAILS! NEED ANY MORE INCENTIVES, HEDGEHOG?

BRING IT ON, 10-W 40 BREATH!

ALL RIGHT! THERE'S NOTHING LIKE CUTTIN' LOOSE!

AT THAT MOMENT:

ROBOTNIK TO *DOOFY DUPLICATE*...COME IN, DUPLICATE...*SIGH*: THAT'S YOU, *SNIVELY*, YOU IMBECILE!!!

OH! RIGHT, MASTER...

...BEGIN "OPERATION BURNT BRIDGES!"

MEANWHILE:

THE SONICAM'S FUNCTIONING BEAUTIFULLY!

YES, BUT WHAT'S THAT BEHIND SONIC?

WHERE?

THERE! YOU SEE IT BEST WHEN HIS LEG EXTENDS... I'LL FREEZE AND ENHANCE THE IMAGE!

I STILL DON'T GET IT!

LOOK AT IT UPSIDE DOWN... *AHA!*

IT'S SNIVELY!.. WEARING A ROBOTNIK SUIT AND BURNING SONIC'S PATH BEHIND HIM!

CGI GRAPHIC ROTATE

SUBJECT CONFIRM SNIVELY.

SO IT IS!

FREEZE IMAG

ANOTHER OF ROBOTNIK'S *SCHEMES!* BUT WHY IS HE SO INTENT ON HAVING SONIC GO *ONE* WAY?

CAN WE DISCUSS IT AFTER YOU HELP ME STAND BACK UP?

I WONDER WHAT TUBBY IS REALLY UP TO...

JUST THEN...

THIS ZONE HAD A LOT OF CHALLENGING *TRAPS,* BUT I'VE SEEN ROBOTNIK DO BETTER!

RATE: 52411
DISTANCE: 26mi.

WELL, I'LL SOON FIND OUT... I'M BLOWIN' THIS POP STAND!

EXIT

WELL, I'LL BE--LOOK WHO IT IS...

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™

STANDS NO CHANCE AGAINST THE ALL NEW, ALL DIFFERENT

MECHA-SONIC!™

"GO AHEAD... MECHA MY DAY!"

PART 3

I HOPE YOU'RE HUNGRY, BECAUSE I'M GONNA MAKE YOU SWALLOW BOTH OF THOSE LOGOS!

THE ONLY THING YOU'RE GOING TO DO IS EAT MY DUST... *STAR*DUST THAT IS... AS I HEAD THROUGH THE *STARDUST SPEEDWAY ZONE!* YOUR TWO LITTLE FRIENDS ARE WAITING FOR ME AT THE *FINISH LINE!*

SONIC!

HELP!

I WONDER IF IT WOULD BE FASTER TO DOUBLE BACK AND... *WHOOP!* BAG THAT IDEA-- HERE COMES JELLYBELLY!

THAT MAKES AN EASY DECISION EVEN EASIER! COMIN' AT YOU, BUCKETHEAD!

SNORT!

:snicker: MECHA SONIC HAS ENGAGED THE HEDGEHOG!

:sniffle: I WAS HOPING SOMEDAY SONIC WOULD GET *ENGAGED* TO ME!

OH BOOHOO HOOO :sob: WAHHHH!!!

WHAT'S WRONG, AMY ROSE?

BACK IN KNOTHOLE: IT SEEMS THAT SONIC HAS ENTERED ANOTHER ZONE... ITS ENERGY FIELD IS INTERFERING WITH HIS SONICAM!

TRY AND GET A FIX ON HIS LAST LOCATION -- IT'S TIME FOR ACTION!

AND IN THE STARDUST SPEEDWAY ZONE . . .

HOPE YOU DON'T MIND IF I GET A *JUMP* ON YOU, METALHEAD!

BWOING!

SORRY...THIS IS A ONE-LANE EXIT RAMP...

COMING UP BEHIND YOU!

PASSING ON YOUR LEFT!

MOVING VIOLATION!

WHOOOF!

THUD!

SCREEEEEE

GET THE LEAD OUT, MECHA-MORON!

I CONTAIN NO LEAD--ONLY STEEL TITANIUM ALLOY...

AT THAT MOMENT, UP AHEAD AT THE FINISH LINE:

EVERYTHING IS IN PERFECT ORDER, OH KING CHOLESTEROL! SHOULD SONIC SURVIVE THE STARDUST ZONE...

I'LL HANDLE THE EXPLANATION AND SPEECH-MAKING, CRABMEAT! NOW CHECK THE LETTERING ON THE STRIPE!

WELL?

IT'S PERFECT! IT SPELLS: "FINISH"!

THOOM!

IT CERTAINLY DOES!

IT'S :CHORTLE: SLICKER THAN OIL ON SALT WATER! SHOULD SONIC SURVIVE THE STARDUST ZONE, HE'LL RUN UNDER THIS FINAL ARCHWAY...

...AND BE SMUSHED!

THAT WAY, EVEN IF SONIC WINS...

HE LOSES!

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™

GIVE IT UP! YOU MUST BE EXHAUSTED BY NOW!

"GO AHEAD... MECHA MY DAY!"

PART 4

NO WAY, SAN JOSE! NOTHING WILL SLOW ME DOWN!

OH NO? WHAT IF THE MECHA-SONIC YOU WERE JUST TALK-ING TO WAS A HOLOGRAM-- AND THE *REAL* ME WAS WAITING TO AMBUSH YOU?!

UMF! THAT MIGHT DO IT!

TRIP!

UP ABOVE:

WE'RE OVER THE FAR END OF THE NEW ZONE, SALLY!

OKAY, ROTOR... I'VE SPOTTED ROBOTNIK'S UNMISTAKABLE *LARGE* BODY--

I'M GOING IN!

YOU'VE GOT YOUR ASSIGNMENT...

GOOD LUCK, PRINCESS!

FLUME!

THAT SAL IS SOME GAL... NO WONDER SONIC'S SO CRAZY ABOUT HER!

SPEAKING OF MY LITTLE BLUE BUDDY, I WONDER WHAT HE'S DOING NOW...

HERE COMES THE HOME STRETCH, HEDGE-HOG--HAVE YOU GOT WHAT IT TAKES?

YOU BETCHA, CREEP! I'VE BEEN WORKING ON THIS NEW MOVE FOR A WHILE...

THE *FIGURE EIGHT SUPER PEEL-OUT!*

ONCE I *DO* IT, I MOVE AT *WARP SPEED!*

I SHALL PURSUE!

SONIC'S CURRENT SPEED IS AT A LEVEL NEVER BEFORE ACHIEVED! :BZZT: MUST--EXERT-- BEYOND-- :SQUEE: MAXIMUM!

MALFUNCTION! HEAT GENERATED BY SPEED AND FRICTION IS MELTING MY METAL LEGS!

WHEEEEEEEE

HSSSSSCH...

BLORP!

IF YOU CAN'T TASTE THE CHILI DOGS, STAY OUT OF THE KITCHEN!

SURRENDER, SNIVELY!

OKAY, OKAY!

WHOP!

UMF! OH NO! SONIC WENT THROUGH THE ARCH--I *MISSED* MY CHANCE!

GET AWAY FROM THAT BUTTON, ROBOTNIK!

MY HERO!

OUR HERO!

YES! THE CROWD GOES WILD!

BAH! IT'S NOT FAIR! MY PLAN WAS SO FOOLPROOF.. =WHINE=

WHAT? THAT DEVICE HOUSED IN THE ARCH? I SAW IT COMING A MILE AWAY!

QUIT YOUR BELLYACHING... I'LL STAND UNDER IT IF IT'LL MAKE YOU HAPPY...

Y-YOU WUH-WILL?..

OKAY, CHUBSY-UBSY... FIRE AWAY!

INDEED I SHALL...

MISSED ME! NYUK! NYUK!

WHAM!

NO! IT'S IMPOSSIBLE!

GAME, SET AND MATCH!

BUT I PERSONALLY DESIGNED THIS DEVICE! WHAT WENT WRONG?

EVERYTHING LOOKS IN WORKING ORDER...

WE ALL KNOW WHAT'S COMING NEXT, DON'T WE? GO AHEAD-- BE MY GUEST!

(YOUR FINGER)

WHAM!

OW!

SONIC and FRIENDS

25 ISSUES AND GOING STRONG!

SONIC

STAY TUNED...WE'RE JUST WARMING UP!

I HATE THAT HEDGEHOG!

THE END